

Appl. No. 09/831,958
Amdt. dated August 25, 2004
Reply to Office Action of July 13, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

With this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 4-12 are canceled. Claims 1-2 and 14-20 are currently pending. No new matter is added by this amendment.

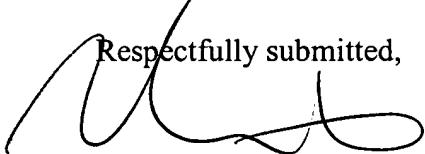
The claims are amended to address the issues raised in the July 13, 2004 Office Action. Specifically, the claims are amended because the Examiner argued that the canceled information was not drawn to an elected invention. Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner consider the remaining claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,


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